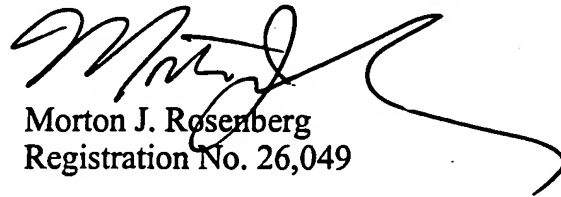


Remarks

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application which is a Divisional Application of parent Serial No. 10/006,125. Applicant by the undersigned attorney is prosecuting the parent application, Serial No. 10/006,125 with respect to Claims 1-5. Applicant is now filing this Preliminary Amendment concurrently with the Divisional Application directed to Claims 6-9 which have been canceled from the parent application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Claim 6 has been formed into an Independent Claim directed specifically to the "ply-up device".

It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for examination and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
For: ROSENBERG, KLEIN & LEE



Morton J. Rosenberg
Registration No. 26,049

Dated: 20 Oct 2003

Suite 101
3458 Ellicott Center Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Tel: 410-465-6678